

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-3. (Cancelled).

Claim 4. A meat injection apparatus, comprising:

a horizontal conveyor for intermittently

longitudinally moving meat products to be injected,

a plurality of injection heads located over the conveyor,

a bank of vertically disposed injection needles on each head,

a plurality of fluid reservoirs in fluid flow communication with

the heads and the needles therein to supply source of brine

fluid to the needles, wherein the concentration of brine being different in each reservoir,

wherein the banks of injection needles move downwardly to inject

the meat product by having an injection head connected to a

reservoir having a high concentration of brine to penetrate an

area of fat, and by having an injection head connected to a

reservoir having a lower concentration of brine to penetrate

an area of lean.

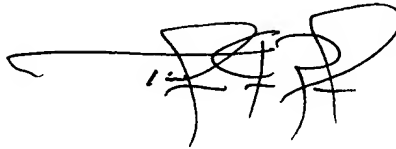
Claim 5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein a separate fluid pump is connected to each head.

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No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,

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